

## Message Text

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R 251130Z AUG 76  
FM AMEMBASSY BANJUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3614  
INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: OEXC, US, GA  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SERVICES RYO WHITFIELD

REF: STATE 210030

1. EMBASSY DELIGHTED THAT WHITFIELD CAN BE PROGRAMMED FOR BANJUL DURING SEPT 76 TO MAR 77 PERIOD. GAMBIA AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING LOCAL TRACK ENTHUSIASTS. DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND SPORTS WOULD WELCOME WHITFIELD VISIT, AND PROVIDE PROGRAMMING SUPPORT.

2. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT SORT OF PROGRAM WHITFIELD HAS FOUND MOST USEFUL DURING HIS WEST AFRICAN VISITS. PRESUMABLY SPORTS CLINICS, CHALK TALKS AND PERHAPS SOME SUPERVISED COMPETITION WOULD BE IN ORDER. PERHAPS WHITFIELD COULD WRITE DIRECTLY TO DIRECTOR YOUTH AND SPORTS PROPOSING IDEAS FOR VISIT. IDEALLY, WHITFIELD MIGHT CONSIDER TWO DAY PREPARATORY VISIT, SAY IN OCTOBER, TO PLAN FOR LONGER PROGRAM LATER ON. (FYI GHANA AIRWAYS HAS SEVERAL WEEKLY FLIGHTS BETWEEN BANJUL AND FREETOWN).

3. CHARGE WILL BE ON R AND R IN SEPTEMBER, RETURNING TO BANJUL ON 27TH. WE WOULD BE PLEASED SEE WHITFIELD THEREAFTER AT ANY MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

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